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UNIVERSITIES IN GUJARAT
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of universities in Gujarat at present and the number of new universities opened during the last five years; and

(b) the grounds and rules on the basis of which the new universities, schools and colleges are opened?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI)

(a): According to the information furnished by the Government of Gujarat,there are 12 Universities in the State, including 2 Deemed Universities. During the last five years, only one Deemed University has been opened in Gujarat.

(b): Central Universities are set up by the Acts of Parliament and State Universities by Acts of State Legislatures.UGC has framed guidelines for establishment of new Universities, which envisage that before the State Government formulates a proposal for new University, a detailed survey of the availability of facilities for higher education within the proposed jurisdiction of the University concerned should be conducted. The UGC should beassociated right from the beginning with the survey. The State Governments are also expected to have sufficient data indicating the existing position and justifying the need for an additional University. The Commission has already circulated these guidelines to all the State Governments for their consideration and necessary action.

As regards Central Universities, it may be stated that such Universities are set up by Central Government taking into consideration the historical or cultural reasons and Centre-State relations.

Colleges are set up by the State Governments/Universities/PrivateManagements/Trusts keeping in view the need for higher education in a particular region and availability of resources.

School Education is primarily the concern of State Governments/UT Administrations.Schools are opened as per the State Education Act/Rules. The recognition to the schools is granted by the State Governments/UT Administrations.Schools are also governed by the affiliation bye-laws laid down by the Boards of Secondary Education to which the schools are affiliated. Every State Government/UT Administration has also framed norms for opening of the Schools.